

**MINUTES
CITY OF AMES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Date: August 12, 2024	Scott Huffman	2026
	Melissa Goodwin	2026
Call to Order: 6:00 PM	Robert Ewald	2026
Place: Council Chambers	Michael Murphy*	2025
	William Walker	2027
Adjournment: 6:31 PM	Dévon Lewis	2027
	Kate Gregory	2027

[*Absent]

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Huffman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: (HUFFMAN/GOODWIN) to approve the agenda for the meeting of August 12, 2024.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF May 13, 2024:

MOTION: (HUFFMAN/EWALD) to approve the Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2024.

MOTION PASSED: (6-0)

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no public comments.

DISCUSS THE 2024 PRESERVE IOWA SUMMIT

Ray Anderson, Planner for the City of Ames, and Staff Liaison to the Commission, stated he and Commission Member Dévon Lewis attended the 2024 Preserve Iowa Summit, June 6-8 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

There were several good sessions conducted at the Iowa Preservation Summit. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Lewis highlighted key information that may be beneficial to the Commission for Public Outreach and Education.

Mr. Anderson went on to say Steve Shapiro from Des Moines hosted presentation at the summit regarding the transformation of a building in Terrace Hill into an office space. Mr. Shapiro would be an excellent resource to speak to the Commission.

Devon Lewis, Commission Member, mentioned she met someone at the summit who was moving to Ames later this month. The person has served on the City of Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission and would be an informative speaker.

Another session at the summit discussed Historic Color and how to find what the original color of building might have been as well as scientific methods to do so.

Ms. Lewis learned more about the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) at the summit. SHPO was available for questions and involved in almost every session at the summit. They provided a handout called Goals & Objectives Plan 2023-2030, which was a three-page grid with useful details.

There was a speaker at the summit from the U.S. National Park Service from Omaha. The representative oversees this region's underground railroad sites and historical designations for those. Ms. Lewis suggested the Commission check with the Ames History Museum to see if they have records of such sites in Iowa or Ames.

DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC & COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Huffman said he does not have anything in place. He has been talking with a coworker about doing a presentation on working with SHPO. Such a presentation might be more interesting to the Main Street business district than homeowners.

Mr. Anderson asked if any of the other Commission members have ideas, they would like the Commission to consider. Devon Lewis recommended having Dan Clark, who presented at the summit, and a representative from SHPO present to the Commission or public.

William Walker said archives in Des Moines have a collection of sites of underground railroads in Iowa and he has connections to the person who oversees those.

Mr. Huffman suggested each Commission member reach out to their leads.

Michael Murphy joined the meeting at 6:22 PM.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Mr. Ewald asked for an introduction. Each person gave a brief introduction.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Anderson noted the National Register Nomination for Chautauqua Park is underway. The hired Consultant is NHPA out of Fort Dodge. There is a neighborhood meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 22nd, 2024 at 6PM at the Ames Public Library in the auditorium.

Eloise Sahlstrom recently retired and Mr. Anderson will be the Project Manager for the City.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

MOTION: (HUFFMAN/GREGORY) to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED: (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.



Scott Huffman, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission



Laura Colebrooke, Recording Secretary
Department of Planning & Housing